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In re application of:

Tsuyoshi YOKOTA, et al.

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For: INVENTORY ALLOCATION MANAGEMENT METHOD  
AND INVENTORY ALLOCATION MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM

Art Unit: 2167

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ A certified copy of \_\_\_ Patent Application No. \_\_\_ filed \_\_\_ from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.
- ☒ A clean copy of a substitute specification is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	45	-	37 **	8	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$ 144
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	6	-	4 ***	2	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$ 168
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140	\$
TOTAL						\$ 312

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Respectfully submitted,  
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